GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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THREE-TIER SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to provide a three-tier satellite telecommunication system to connect all the seven North-Eastern States with the rest of the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by which date the proposed system is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 259 FOR 20th MARCH, 2002 REGARDING THREE-TIER SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

All the State Capitals in the North East have connectivity by microwave systems.In addition, Guwahati, Shillong and Itanagar are having optical fibre connectivity also. Guwahati, Agartala and Gangtok have been provided with satellite connectivity. So far as connectivity for other exchanges in North Eastern States is concerned, this is provided by satellite or microwave or optical fibre system depending upon technical feasibility and economic viability.

A plan for three tier telecommunication system for the State Capitals has been drawn up in which it has been proposed that as far as possible, the State Capitals will have a connectivity with three media, viz. microwave, optical fibre and satellite subject to availability of adequate resources. In line with this overall approach, work is in progress to connect the remaining State Capitals by optical fibre cable progressively during 2002-2003 depending upon the working environment. Likewise, satellite connectivity will also be provided subject to availability of resources.